

**Store News** this month carries articles from all regions on Halloween get-ups, veteran customers, visiting celebrities and of course employees like John Clark, stockroom lead person at K mart 9610, Harlan, Kentucky, who recently tested his journalistic skills and submitted stories of the *Gold Mine* on two country music singers and not only got them published but received a byline. And guess who was a beautiful baby and won \$15 for it — Greg Eger from K mart 7409, Topeka, Kansas.



John Clark, holding the magazine *The Gold Mine* which made him an author by publishing his two articles on country singers Becky Hobbs and Charley McClain.

### Faithful reader becomes published writer

We at K mart 9610 in Harlan, Kentucky (Central Region) are proud to report we have our own "resident celebrity" among the staff. John Clark, stockroom lead person, has achieved a milestone in his life. John who was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan has been a country music fan since childhood. His interest led to collecting and following the works of various country music performers. John usually preferred watching those who were new to country music scenes which is how his new-found talent was born. By attending concerts of two female country artists, Becky Hobbs and Charley McClain, John became acquainted with the pair and even developed a friendship that includes regular written correspondence with the two stars.

All these factors led John to attempt what I'm sure he

thought was the impossible. He had been a subscriber to the nationally known magazine the *Gold Mine* for several years; reading it faithfully, but leaving it at that. Then he decided to try out his own journalistic skills by submitting two articles to the magazine. The first was a look at Becky Hobbs and her up and rising career and the second was a profile on Charley McClain, an already popular country singer.

He received a letter from the *Gold Mine* headquarters notifying him that they had chosen for publication his article on Becky Hobbs and congratulating him on his effort. As if this success was not enough for John, when he opened the September issue not one but both of his articles had been printed and both with the heading, written by J. Mark Clark in bold letters!

John plans to submit other stories to the magazine after doing research on some of his other favorite artists. We at 9610 are sure proud of him and wish him future success.

Store Reporter Lisa Fee

### State champions keep mom busy

As Jean Broemer of K mart 7506, Newburgh, Indiana (Central Region) checks out customers, some may notice the hoarseness in her cheerful voice. Others may be curious about the buttons pinned to her green smock that proclaim, "My knight is No. 27" and "My knight is No. 30." But most customers and employees of 7506 know that the hoarseness and buttons are symbols of loyalty and pride for her sons Dave and Chris, two outstanding running backs for the Castle High Football team who captured the 1982 IHSAA Class AAA State Championship recently.

The Broemer brothers scored all four touchdowns against Hobart High School to lead the Knights to a 26-23 victory and a first-ever state championship.

With ecstasy still rampant the day after the game, Jean exclaimed in a voice strained from cheering, "I was very nervous. I was so scared that they (Hobart) were going to catch up. There was just a three point difference and a field goal would have tied it up."

"It's unbelievable," she added, "I'm very, very proud of them."

With a dynamic football season over now, statistics showed that 18-year-old Dave led all Southern Indiana players in scoring with 174 points. During the season he rushed for 1,146 yards, caught 25 passes and grabbed five interceptions. Seventeen-year-old Chris took credit for 11 touchdowns, 848 yards rushed and eight passes caught.

Jean attributed her son's success to their discipline along with the fact that they've played football since fourth grade. "They practice and work hard," she said. "They have a natural ability, but I can't take credit for that. That's all theirs."

Jean can take credit for maintaining an extremely hectic life. She juggles part time employment, football games and other sports, a husband and three children besides Dave and Chris and any family crisis that might arise.

One such crisis was major back surgery for Dave this past January. After he played an important role in leading Castle to semistate last year, he faced the prospect of not playing this season, which was his senior year. But the surgery proved successful and Dave bounced back. Chris too has undergone surgery on his knee. With a sign

of relief Jean pointed out that neither surgery was the result of a football injury.

From their mother's viewpoint, Jean sees little sibling rivalry, but more support for one another between her sons. She said they're very much alike because there is less than 11 months difference in their ages. "I've sometimes felt like I have a set of twins," she said with a laugh. She pointed out their main likeness is discipline and their main difference is Dave's even tempered while Chris is quick-tempered.

The difficulty will come next year when "the twins" split up and Dave leaves for college. He is hoping for a scholarship to Indiana University and plans to study medicine.

Chris will continue to contribute his talents to the Castle Knights and Jean is anticipating a repeat performance of this year.

She joked about the possibility that she could be attending Chris' games one night and hopping in the car to be at Dave's the next day. Jean is living proof that being a fan of state champions is easy, but being a mother too makes it a bit more complicated.

Store Reporter Shannon Hopper



The Candy Man at K mart 9094, Wooster, Ohio is none other than Store Manager Don DeMara who came as one big bag of jelly beans to the store's Halloween party recently. An artist made the Jelly Bean bag and Manager DeMara filled it with colorful balloons.